15 September 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Advisory Council
                    Assistant Director, ORE

SUBJECT: Permanent Watch Committee

REFERENCE: Circular Memorandum of 15 August to the Standing
                    Committee Members of the IAC with 4 August Revision
                    of a proposed Interagency Operating Procedure

1. As you know, in response to the 15 August circular, the
Standing Committee Members have replied as follows:

             FBI - No comment; out of its field

             AEC - Approves

         Air Force - Approves

             Army - Suggested minor changes

             Navy - Wishes to eliminate Paragraph 7b(1)
                    re Departmental Check List, feeling
                    that the Master List is adequate

        The reply from State will be submitted to us in a
few days, suggesting minor changes, but also pointing
out that there is a duplicating committee of this
nature already functioning under JCS-Army auspices in
the Pentagon.

2. We have just heard about this Army operated Committee under
a Joint Chiefs of Staff Directive. Called something like the Joint
Soviet Intentions Group, it is directed by General Weckerling and
issues a weekly report. Whereas it was formed and is operated by
the Army for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the State Department and others
sit in on this Committee as observers - in some instances the same
people who participate in our Check List-Watch Committee Group. Is
CIA represented on the Weckerling Committee or does it receive its
weekly reports?

3. It looks to us as though this is another case of the Joint
Chiefs of Staff duplicating the work of CIA, especially since we
understand that the weekly report of this JCS Committee is about to
issue a supplement based on special intelligence. And we understand
that is the chief source of the Watch Committee's material.

4. With a view towards bringing this matter of duplication to the attention of the IAC members, we should appreciate receiving whatever additional information you have on the Army's Committee.

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cc: Director
via Acting Exec.